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MEETING OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2003 AT 2:00 PM

MPO GOVERNING BOARD

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBER

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METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA GOVERNING BOARD

MEETING OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 06, 2003 AT 2:00 P.M.

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER 111 NW FIRST STREET COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

SUMMARY MINUTES

Vice Chairperson Katy Sorenson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. In addition to Vice Chairperson Sorenson, the following members were present at the initiation of the meeting:

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Manuel A. Diaz

Perla T. Hantman

Sally Heyman

M. Ronald Krongold

Joe A. Martinez

Raul L. Martinez

Jimmy L. Morales

Dennis C. Moss

Dorrin D. Rolle

Natacha Seijas

Jose Smith

Non-voting members present: Mr. Gary Donn, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The following staff members were present: Bill Johnson, Assistant County Manager, Jose-Luis Mesa, MPO Secretariat, and Robert Cuevas, Assistant County Attorney.

The following members arrived after the meeting commenced:

Bruno A. Barriero William H. Kerdyk Joe J. Celestin Darryl K. Sharpton Betty T. Ferguson

Vice Chairperson Sorenson requested that Item. III-MPO Committees Reports be presented until a quorum could be attained.

III. MEMBER, VACANCY, ATTENDANCE AND DEMOGRAPHICS REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS (TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)

1. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

Mr. Mike Hatcher, CTAC's 1st Vice-Chair, respectfully informed the Board that CTAC still has vacancies that need to be filled. He concluded by thanking the Board for their continued support in CTAC's efforts.

2. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)

3. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

Mr. Ted Silver, BPAC Chair, informed the Board that BPAC currently has 14 vacancies that need to be filled. He also informed the Board that BPAC has been in contact with the City of Homestead's Project Manager who is conducting a study to determine if there is an alternative bicycle path that could be used instead of Krome Avenue.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Mesa informed the Board that Item IV.A Transportation Improvement Program has been withdrawn from the Agenda at the request of its sponsor.

Board Member Morales moved the approval of the agenda as amended and Board Member R. Martinez seconded the motion. The agenda was approved as amended.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member R. Martinez moved the approval of the minutes of December 19, 2002, and Board Member J. Diaz seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2002/03 TIP TO ADD SIGNAL SAFETY PROJECT FOR NE 6^{TH} AVENUE AT RAILROAD CROSSING (PUBLIC HEARING)

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

B. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S SECTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (PUBLIC HEARING)

Vice Chairperson Sorenson opened the public hearing. Vice Chairperson Sorenson closed the public hearing.

Board Member Seijas requested clarity on the proposed funding options for the NW 97th Avenue Bridge Project. She further requested clarity on the MPO's ability to obligate funds from the Transit Sales Tax before the Citizen Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) could approve the item. Mr. Ari Rivera, Public Works Department (PWD) Executive Director, responded that the purpose of this amendment was to advance the project with a paper commitment using a transfer of funds. He further stated that the memo mentioned that the funds would need to be pre-approved by the CITT. He further stated that the PWD is also exploring straight bonding of the Road Impact Fee for that Project District or the option of applying for a Sunshine Loan as a financing option. He concluded by stating that the only intent was to move the project forward with the paper backing on available funding sources subject to the CITT approval.

Board Member Seijas stated that approving an item before the CITT has an opportunity to do so would diminish their ability to advise the Board and in turn become the Board advising them. She concluded by requesting the time-line for the creation of the CITT. Mr. Danny Alvarez, Office of Public Transportation Management Executive Director, responded that the nominating committee for the CITT is scheduled to meet February 18, 2003.

Board Member R. Martinez requested clarity on the projected time-line for the actual creation of the CITT. Mr. Alvarez responded that an optimistic date would be late March with April being more realistic. He further informed the Board about the Ordinance as it relates to the process of the CITT which stated that the contracts or actions that would make significant changes would be presented to the Board of County Commissioners first and then to the Mayor who has ten (10) days to veto the BCC actions. He further stated that the CITT would then be given an opportunity to ratify the BCC actions. He concluded by stating that if the CITT fails to respond then the item would return to the BCC who may override the Mayors veto.

Board Member R. Martinez requested clarity on whether the 97th Avenue Bridge Project was included in the People Transportation Plan. Mr. Alvarez responded no.

Board Member Morales requested clarity on the proper procedure for citizens to submit their interest in serving on the CITT. Mr. Alvarez responded that a letter of interest should be submitted to the Clerk of the Board.

Board Member Moss requested that a full presentation of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) be presented to the Board at its next meeting.

Board Member J. Diaz moved for the approval of the resolution with the deletion of NW 97th Avenue Bridge Project until PWD return to the Board with alternative funding options for the deleted project. Board Member Morales seconded the motion. The resolution as amended was passed unanimously.

C. TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (TDP) UPDATE AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2002 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (TDP) UPDATE TO INCLUDE CERTAIN TRANSIT CAPITAL PROJECTS (PUBLIC HEARING)

Vice Chairperson Sorenson opened the public hearing. Vice Chairperson Sorenson closed the public hearing.

Board Member Morales moved for approval of resolution. Board Member R. Martinez seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

D. TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (TDP) UPDATE AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (TDP) TO INCLUDE THE BUS IMPROVEMENTS AS APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 5, 2002 AS PART OF THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PUBLIC HEARING)

Vice Chairperson Sorenson opened the public hearing. Vice Chairperson Sorenson closed the public hearing.

Board Member R. Martinez requested clarity on the time-line on the signalization improvements for the traffic lights. Mr. Rivera responded that the PWD was in the process of field-testing the system for a selected number of intersections. He further stated that in two months the testing should be completed and implementation of the entire system will begin.

He further stated that he would provide a copy of the schedule to the Board before the conclusion of the meeting.

Board Member Hantman requested clarity on the bus improvements listed with a start date of November 2002 as it relates to obtaining approval from the CITT. Mr. Alvarez stated that the improvements have been implemented according to the schedule. He further stated that this schedule was presented to the BCC and approved at its July 9th meeting.

Vice Chairperson Sorenson stated that Board Member Hantman's concern was similar to that of many of the Board Members with regards to the People Transportation Plan and the CITT. She further stated that the Board Members were nervous that the CITT, which is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the PTP, was still not formed. She further concluded by stating that despite the fact that voters approved the PTP and the County is moving ahead with some of the implementations from the PTP, it would be much easier if the CITT was formed.

Board Member R. Martinez stated that this particular amendment was different from the NW 97th Avenue because the bus improvements were included in the PTP whereas the other project was not. He further stated that this item was sent to voters and approved.

Board Member Seijas requested clarity on whether this item had any relations to the 17 minibuses approved by the BCC. Mr. Alvarez stated that they were with regards to service improvements for the month of March. He further stated that 12 of the 17 buses scheduled to be delivered will be paid from funds that were not a part of the Transit Sales tax. He concluded by stating that the remaining 5 buses would have to wait until after the Trust is formed for approval.

Board Member Morales requested clarity on whether the 2002 date represents when route improvements would be fully achieved. Mr. Alvarez responded that by 2005 all 1335 buses would be online and all improvements would have been implemented. Board Member Morales suggested that OPTM along with the CITT investigate increasing the service frequency times to get them closer to a 15 minutes frequency.

Board Member Morales moved the approval of the resolution. Board Member R. Martinez seconded the motion. The resolution was approved with one dissent from Board Member Natacha Seijas.

E. REQUEST FROM MPO BOARD MEMBER JOSE "PEPE" DIAZ
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE YEAR 2025
LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) TO ADVANCE THE

EAST-WEST TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT FROM PRIORITY IV TO PRIORITY I (PUBLIC HEARING)

Vice Chairperson Sorenson opened the public hearing. Vice Chairperson Sorenson closed the public hearing.

Board Member J. Diaz stated that he had requested this item be placed on the agenda to advance the East/West Project in the Long Range Transportation Plan from a Priority IV to a Priority I. He concluded by stating that this advancement would also put this project on equal level as that of the North Corridor Project that was advanced to Priority I at a previous MPO meeting.

Board Member Ferguson requested that Mr. Alvarez respond to Board Member J. Diaz and the comments that the East/West project is equal to the North Corridor and clarify the impact this amendment would have on the ordinance and language in the PTP as it relates to the North Corridor Project. Mr. Alvarez responded that this amendment would have no impact on the ordinance and the language pertaining to the North Corridor. He further stated that the ordinance clearly states that the number 1 funding priority would be the North Corridor. He further clarified that the proposed amendment is to move the East/West from an unfunded Priority IV to a funded Priority I.

Board Member Seijas requested clarity on whether this advancement would place this project in the TIP with five (5) years to completion date. Mr. Alvarez responded no, that it means that some activity would take place on the project within the five (5) years of the LRTP.

Board Member Seijas requested clarity on the proposed financial plan to accommodate this project. Mr. Alvarez stated that the proposed financial plan is based under the assumption that the federal contributions would be 50% and 25% each by both the state and local match.

Board Member J. Martinez stated that there are other ways and opportunities available that would allow the accelerated completion of this project. Mr. Alvarez added that the advancement of this project to a Priority I would allow the exploration of the various funding opportunities available.

Board Member J. Diaz moved for the approval of the resolution. Board Member J. Martinez seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

F. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION APPROVING ANINTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND*FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL* **UNIVERSITY** (FIU) METROPOLITAN CENTER TO PREPARE THE ANNUAL MPO TONEWSLETTER ANDDEVELOP \boldsymbol{A} **TRANSPORTATION** INFORMATION DATABASE AND GRAPICS INVENTORY

Board Member Heyman moved for the approval of the resolution. Board Member Moss seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

G. REQUEST BY BOARD MEMBER M. RONALD KRONGOLD RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE MPO TRAFFIC RADIO CONCEPT AND DIRECTING STAFF TO RETURN WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS TO THE GOVERNING BOARD WITH OPTIONS TO FUND THE PROJECT IF ANY

Board Member Krongold, MPO Subcommittee Chair, mentioned that the Radio Proposal was placed on the agenda for the Board to consider allowing a one- year pilot program. He further stated that Mr. Richard, SmartRoutes, was here to provide the Board with a brief presentation on the Radio Proposal. (A copy of this PowerPoint presentation is available at the MPO Secretariat)

Board Member Krongold moved for the approval of the resolution. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion for discussion.

Board Member R. Martinez expressed concerns with using public funds to subsidize private enterprises. He further stated that the amount of \$1.7 million was too great amount for this type of project.

Board Member Barreiro expressed concerns with the funding going to only one station. He further stated that the funds could be more effective if used by targeting several stations. He concluded by stating that citizens are less likely to turn from their local commentator who provides information on other issues besides traffic in order to tune in on an all traffic radio station. He further concluded by stating that the funds would be better allocated to radio stations with higher ratings.

Board Member J. Martinez requested clarity on how the information is updated for cleared accidents. Mr. Marks responded that they have a working relationship with the various municipal police, camera networks, aircrafts, as well as information that are obtained through Shadow Broadcast Services, Metro Network, Smart Route System, and 511.

Board Member J. Martinez responded that the only way to receive up to the minute information on whether an accident is cleared is to be tapped into the communication of the police departments. He concluded by stating without that ability the information is not very useful and he could not support the project.

Board Member J. Diaz requested clarity on the camera on the interstate and their ability to provide updated information. Mr. Donn, FDOT, stated that the FDOT has installed cameras through its Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Program along I95 with plans to expand the program to include other highways such as I-75, Palmetto, etc. He further stated that local television stations currently feed into the system to report traffic conditions.

Board Member Celestin expressed that this program would be beneficial to alleviating traffic gridlock in Dade County. He further stated that the project would have to be trilingual: English, Spanish, and Creole, in order to reach Dade County's diverse community.

Board Member Krongold stated that the chosen method to subsidize a radio station is more of buying airtime on the station. He further stated that the station chosen was relatively new and had time available to sell. He also stated that the concept of owning a radio station was economically unfeasible and most established radio stations do not want to sell their prime time slots, which are the morning and afternoon peaks. He then informed the Board that this would be a public service that is needed and because it is not profitable, the private sector will not invest in it. **He concluded by withdrawing the item from the Agenda** and expressed that the Board is missing out on a wonderful opportunity.

Board Member J. Martinez suggested that the Board consider having a three number system that would be manned by live people who would provide traffic information when you dial.

V INFORMATION ITEMS

A. BAY LINK: MIAMI BEACH PROJECT REVIEW ACTIVITIES

Mr. Wilson Fernandez, MPO Project Manager, informed the Board that the requested Public Hearing for Miami Beach has been held. He further stated that they continue to work with the City of Miami Beach to address the various concerns that have risen from the community. He concluded by stating that the Miami Beach Commission has requested that two additional workshops be held on the 12th and 13th of February to look at the Alton Road and Washington Avenue interest. He also stated that

several of the Miami Beach Commissioners are looking at visiting areas with light rail systems to obtain first hand experience on the proposed idea. He concluded by stating that the Miami Beach Commission is looking at addressing this item in a special March meeting, which would be prior to the MPO taking actions.

Board Member Smith stated that the City of Miami Beach has not come to any consensus for a locally preferred alternative beyond 5th street and Alton Road. The challenge for the Miami Beach Commission is to address the lost of parking and lost of traffic lanes among other issues. He concluded that the Miami Beach Commission is currently in the process of trying to educate the residence and business community.

B. JITNEY SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM PROPOSAL

Board Member Krongold introduced Mr. Craig Miller, Miller Consultants, who provided the Board with a brief PowerPoint Presentation. (A copy of this PowerPoint Presentation is available at the MPO Secretariat). Vice Chair Sorenson stated that Chairperson Shuler has requested that this item be referred to the Consumer Services Committee.

Board Member Celestin requested that North Miami Routes 9 or 10 be considered as part of the pilot program. Board Member Moss stated that the Consumer Services Committee would consider those routes in conjunction with the current services of the Miami-Dade Transit system.

VI. REPORTS

A. MEMBERS

Vice Chairperson Sorenson informed the Board that a resolution was passed in October to expand the I-395 Study. She then, introduced her I-395 Committee appointee, Mr. Jorge Espinel, who addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the expanded contract for Kimely-Horn to further study I-395.

Mr. Espinel stated that the I395 committee was not working. He also stated that the committee had only met twice since its creation and had been postponed several times after that. He further stated that Kimley-Horn was contracted to do a study on the various alternatives suggested and provide the MPO with a recommendation. He also expressed concerns that Kimley-Horn failed to provide their findings to the MPO Board in October as it was suggested. He further stated that the presentation in November was very limited and their recommendations do not work. He also stated that the MPO Secretariat worked out another contract for Kimley-Horn to study the financing aspect of their proposal.

He then stated that the contract was presented to the Board as if it was already approved by the I-395 Committee which he stated never approved such contract. He concluded by stating that the contract for Kimley-Horn is therefore questionable.

Mr. Bill Johnson, Transportation Manager, responded that the I-395 Committee meetings are set according to Chairperson Carey-Shuler and Board Member M. Diaz's schedule. He further responded that all contracts with Kimely-Horn have been brought to the MPO Board for prior approval in the form of resolutions.

Vice Chairperson Sorenson requested that Staff respond to Mr. Espinel's concerns in writing.

B. MANAGER

1. Community Image Advisory Board: Status Report Mrs. Debbie Higger provided the Board with a brief presentation on the Community Image Advisory Board (*A copy of this audio presentation is available at the MPO Secretariat*).

Board Member Moss informed the Board that the purpose of the development of the CIAB was an attempt to improve the image of Dade County through a focus on the transportation gateways and facilities throughout Dade County. He also stated that CIAB teamed up with various agencies and municipalities to create a County wide plan that would include everyone. He concluded by stating that the CIAB meets monthly and appointments to the Board were still needed.

2. Highway Maintenance Program Schedule and Beautification Efforts

Board Member Moss requested that this item be **deferred** to the next MPO meeting and placed at the top of the agenda.

C. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT)

1. FDOT Response to MPO Program Priorities

Board Member Morales expressed concerns with the Kendall Corridor Bus Rapid Transit Project. He further stated that citizens in the Kendall Point Area expressed that they do not support any type of transit on Kendall. He concluded by requesting clarity on proper procedure in addressing these concerns. Mr. Mesa stated that the project is listed as number two (2) in the priority list meaning that it falls in the second grouping of projects to be address and do not appear in the first

set of five (5) years of the TIP. He further stated that the project would most likely appear in the second set of five years. He concluded by stating that at any time the Board could amend the LRTP to modify or remove a project.

D. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)

1. Status Report on SR 874 Toll Plaza Project

Board Member Sharpton stated that he would like for the MDX to be given an opportunity at the beginning of the meetings to provide the Board with a status report of the various projects that the MDX Authority is involved in. He concluded by introducing Mr. Servando Parapar, Executive Director of MDX, who provided the Board with a brief status report on 874 Toll Project.

Mr. Parapar informed the Board that MDX has held 11 different meetings over the last 2 ½ years culminating to the public hearing that was held on January 28, 2003. He stated that a State Environment Impact report was done for the 5 or 6 projects with one projects counting as two. He also stated that the report looked at roadway widening, noise walls and relocating of the toll plaza. The toll plaza at its current location, as a result of the projected traffic volume for 2015, would begin failing in effectiveness as early as 2005. He further stated that twelve alternatives were researched with one being to widen lanes, which would require the purchase of two houses to the east and also create the greatest impact. The final consideration was to remove the North Bound half of the existing plaza and relocating it between Killian and Kendall. The MDX is still working with the local agencies to minimize the impact to the community as much as possible. concluded by distributing the MDX SR 874 Newsletter to the Board, which provided additional information on the project. (A copy of this newsletter is available at the MPO Secretariat).

Mrs. Diane Lawrence, Kendale Homeowners Association, provided the Board with a written statement on the concerns the community have regarding placement of a Northbound Toll Plaza on SR 874. (A copy of this statement is available at the MPO Secretariat).

Board Member Morales requested that staff look into litigation in both areas in Kendall affected by the project.

Vice Chairperson Sorenson requested that staff provide the Kendall community with analysis on the other toll plaza locations that were considered and the reasons they were deemed unfeasible. She also requested that MDX's plans for 107th Avenue exit be distributed to the citizens in the area.

Board Member Moss requested that MDX be given an opportunity to present regularly a status report on their projects to the Board.

2. MDX Status Report

E. SECRETARIAT

(No report given for items D.2 & E)

VII. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.